

STATE OF TEXAS       §  
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS   §  
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §  
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS   §

On this the 26th day of March, 2014 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Special Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT:                   Adan Chapa               Mayor  
                              Phillip Hyatt           Mayor Pro Tem  
                              Ramiro Gomez          Council Member  
                              Billy Ellis             Council Member

ABSENT:                   Vickie Abrego          Council Member  
                              City Attorney Allen Lawrence left at 8:30 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE

PERSONNEL PRESENT:   Allen Lawrence           City Attorney  
                              Sylvia Carrillo          City Manager  
                              Yvonne Stonebraker      City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:       Eric Blanchard           Police Chief  
                              Paul Alvarado           Public Works Director  
                              Donna Cox               Finance Director  
                              Ron Howe               Municipal Court Judge

OTHERS PRESENT:      Marsha Wellman, Patsy Crumrine & Helen Aylott/Aransas Pass Library Board, Eric Villarreal/LNV, Mike Reeves/Republic Services, Kathy Steele, Pat Carlson, Maryann Eulitz, Juan Perales, Jr. and Annita West/Aransas Pass Progress.

*There may have been others present who did not sign in.*

1.   **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Chapa called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

7.   **RECESS OPEN MEETING AND RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551 OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.**

Mayor Chapa recessed the Open Meeting at 7:30 PM.

**A. SECTION 551.074 – DELIBERATIONS REGARDING PERSONNEL – MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – RONALD HOWE**

**B. SECTION 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY – REPUBLIC SERVICES**

8. RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING AND CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINDINGS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Chapa reconvened the Open Meeting at 8:26 PM.

A. SECTION 551.074 – DELIBERATIONS REGARDING PERSONNEL – MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – RONALD HOWE

Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt made a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge Ron Howe's salary increased to \$60,000. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B. SECTION 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY – REPUBLIC SERVICES

Council Member Ellis made a motion to approve a three (3) year contract term with Republic Services with 21 complimentary hauls, and a cap on the CPI adjustment in the second and third years of the agreement and no adjustment in 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION NO. 2014-722 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS TO LNV ENGINEERING FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARD CONTRACT 712010.

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Seconded By: Council Member Ellis

Votes: Aye Hyatt, Ellis, Gomez, Chapa

Nay:

Discussion: No discussion.

3. CONSIDER AND ACT ON AMENDING THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS CODE OF ORDINANCE, PART 2 – THE CODE; CHAPTER 16 – LIBRARY, SECTION 16-2 LIBRARY BOARD – COMPOSITION; OFFICERS AND MEETINGS; SECTION 16-3 SAME – EX OFFICIO MEMBERS; SECTION 16-4 SAME – APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARIAN; PROMULGATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS; SECTION 16-5 SAME – REPORTS; AND, SECTION 16-6 ASSISTANTS AND EMPLOYEES; BOOKS; ETC.

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Seconded By: Council Member Ellis

Votes: Aye Hyatt, Ellis, Gomez, Chapa

Nay:

Discussion: City Manager Carrillo presented proposed changes:

**Sec. 16.1** A public library to be known as the "Public Library of Aransas Pass, Texas," is hereby created for the benefit and support of the public library system in Aransas Pass. ~~use and benefit of the public.~~ The Library Board shall act as an advisory committee to the mayor and city council in the development, supervision, and administration of the public library system in the city.

**Sec. 16-2.** Library board—Composition; officers; meetings.

The city library board shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council. Of the members first appointed, three (3) shall serve for a term of one (1) year, three (3) shall serve for a term of two (2) years, and three (3) shall serve for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years and until his successor is appointed and has qualified. In the case of the death or resignation of any member, his unexpired term shall be filled by appointment in the same manner. The mayor shall designate the chairman of the board who shall serve as chairman at the will of the mayor. At the first meeting of the board, a vice-chairman shall be elected by the board from its members who shall serve for a term of two (2) years; thereafter, a vice-chairman shall be elected every two (2) years by the members of the board. Vacancies in the office of the vice-chairman shall be filled by the board for the remainder of the unexpired term. The chairman, or in his absence, the vice-chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the board and perform the other duties required by this chapter. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Other officers of the board shall be a treasurer and a secretary, and at the first meeting of the board, a treasurer and a secretary shall be elected by the board from its members who shall serve for a term of two (2) years; thereafter, the treasurer and the secretary shall be elected every two (2) years by the members of the board. Vacancies in the office of treasurer and secretary shall be filled by the board for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The board shall, by majority vote, establish a set meeting date, meeting time, and meeting location to be published by the City Secretary in accordance with state rules regarding Open Meetings. The Librarian shall be the staff liaison and in conjunction with the City Secretary, shall be responsible for the official meeting minutes.

**Sec. 16-3. Same—Ex officio members.**

The mayor and the city councilmen shall be ex officio members of the city library board, but shall have no vote.

**Sec. 16-4. Same—Appointment of librarian; promulgation of rules and regulations.**

~~The city library board is authorized and directed to appoint a librarian and to make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary for the operation and maintenance of said public library, all in cooperation with the city manager and city council.~~

The City Librarian shall be appointed and shall report to the City Manager. The City Librarian shall act as a liaison to the Library Board and shall provide monthly status updates of the library operations to the Library Board at their regularly held meetings.

**Sec. 16-5. Same—Reports.**

Each year the city library board shall cause to be prepared a report to the city council, showing a statement of all moneys received, disbursements, and a statement briefly outlining the operation of the library fund. The board shall prepare an annual audit and financial report to be submitted to the City Council before May 1st of each calendar year. ~~and its condition. In its report, the board shall recommend to the city council the probable amount of money necessary to operate the public library and such recommendation shall be made at such time as may be required by the budgetary officer of the city, and the recommendations so made shall be in such form and in sufficient detail as to be completely explanatory and so as to provide a basis for justification of the requested budgetary appropriation.~~

**Sec. 16-6. Assistants and employees; books, etc.**

~~The librarian with the consent of the city library board shall select and appoint such assistants and employees as are necessary, and by and with the advice of the city library board shall select the books, periodicals, newspapers, and other items necessary for purchase for the efficient operation of the public library, furniture and equipment to be purchased for the public library, and shall have general supervision of the employees of the public library.~~

**4. REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS AND DETERMINE USE OF BOND FUNDS**

Discussion: City Manager Sylvia Carrillo stated the survey done in January 2014 had resulted in highest concerns with city streets and our city parks. She stated staff had been working on quotes for both.

City Manager Carrillo stated citizens and staff requested the needs for:

**Community Park-** (\$1.75M-\$2M) for

- Streets Arch and Johnson;
- Lighting,
- Drainage,
- Soccer fields
- Skate park

**Little League Fields** (\$95K Minimal Investment)

- paint and repair
- water heater in concession stand
- safety hazard – wood on stairwell needing replaced
- fencing
- lighting - 20 lights are out, light fixtures; all three fields, replaced

**Softball Fields**

- Foundation cracks – sealed and repaired
- Restrooms – flooring screens & paint
- Concession stand – new lighting throughout building; new flooring; new alarm; new sink
- Dugouts – fencing, lighting
- Flag poles

**McC Campbell Park** – (\$120K)

- Replacement of park equipment

**Downtown** – (\$500K-\$600K)

- Lighting; drainage; benches/canopy; parking lots

**Harbor** – (\$1.5M)

- Clean-up-road resurface; walking path; lighting (AEP underground and cable/internet)

**IT Software** – (\$350K)

**Infrastructure** – (\$3M+\$3M Water/Sewer Capacity)

- Bay St – drainage
- Bay Harbor Dr – sewer line (Nueces County Water District #4)
- Highland Ave – street; sewer
- Johnson Ave – street; sewer
- Rhodes Ave – street; sewer
- Beasley Ave – street; sewer
- Myrtle Ave – Access to brush site – street; water; sewer

Council member Ellis stated he approved of the projects discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt seconded that with Council member Gomez and Mayor Chapa agreeing unanimously.

**5. CITY MANAGER UPDATES.**

Mayor Chapa stated city fences were in need of repair and the city had a problem with vehicles being parked on the grass around town.

Police Chief Eric Blanchard stated on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, the City of Aransas Pass would be holding a Town Hall meeting at the Aransas Pass Civic Center and invited everyone to join. He also stated he would like to order more signage on cell phone use within city limits.

City Manager Carrillo stated tomorrow Thursday, March 27, 2014, TML Region 11 meeting was being held in Kingsville, Texas beginning at 4PM.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Motion Made By: Council Member Ellis  
Seconded By: Council Member Gomez  
Votes: Aye Ellis, Gomez, Hyatt, Chapa  
Nay:

Discussion: No discussion necessary.

Mayor Chapa adjourned the meeting at 9:17 PM.

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Adan Chapa, Mayor

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Yvonne Stonebraker, City Secretary